

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A flotation device for supporting a person in a body of water comprising:

an enclosure of generally rectangular planar shape and having a density less than that of water, the enclosure comprising a plurality of elongated buoyant support members interconnected to define a front section, a rear section, and first and second opposite side sections, wherein the front, rear, and side sections define an internal space dimensioned and configured to surround a person; and

a plurality of flotation members, each flotation member having a density less than that of water and a generally elongated shape, the flotation members being fitted to the front, rear, and side sections of the enclosure.

2. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of flotation members each comprise an individual cylinder of flotation material with a hollow bore, for wrapping the cylinder around its buoyant support members.

3. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of flotation members are each made of urethane closed cell foam.

4. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members each have a hollow bore at least partly filled with urethane closed cell foam.

5. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members each have a hollow bore filled with air.

6. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members are hollow PVC tubes at least partly filled with urethane closed cell foam.

7. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members are hollow PVC tubes filled with air.

8. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein two oppositely disposed handles extend vertically from the side members, said handles being wrapped with hand-grips;

9. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the front section is a removable crossbar secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the opposing side sections.

10. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the front section is a stationary crossbar rigidly secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the opposing side sections.

11. The flotation device of claim 1, further comprising elbow-shaped connectors, T-shaped connectors, and saddle fittings

between said members for interconnecting said buoyant support members.

12. The flotation device of claim 1, wherein an elongate member extends perpendicularly from the rear section of said enclosure and generally planar to said enclosure, said elongate member fitted with a flotation member.

13. The flotation device of claim 12, wherein said elongate member is PVC tubing.

14. A flotation device for supporting a person in a body of water comprising:

an enclosure of generally rectangular planar shape and a density less than that of water, the enclosure comprising a plurality of PVC tube members interconnected to form a front section, a rear section, and first and second opposite side sections, wherein the front, rear, and side sections define an internal space adapted to surround a person; and

a plurality of flotation members, each flotation member having a density less than that of water, a generally elongated shape, the flotation members fitted to the front, rear, and side sections of the enclosure.

15. The flotation device of claim 14, wherein two oppositely disposed handles extend vertically from the side members, said handles being wrapped with hand-grips;

16. The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the front section is a removable crossbar secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the opposing side sections.

17. The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the front section is a stationary crossbar rigidly secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the opposing side sections.

18. The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of flotation members are made of urethane closed cell foam.

19. The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of PVC tube members each have a hollow bore at least partly filled with urethane closed cell foam.

20. The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of PVC tube members each have a hollow bore filled with air.